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In re Application of: **Taisuke HIRONO ET AL.**

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For: CUVETTE CONTROL UNIT AND CONTROLLING  
METHOD USING THE SAME.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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ATTN: BOX AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 6 and 7 as follows:

6(amended) The cuvette control unit as set forth in claim 1 for controlling a plurality of  
said cuvettes stored in a cuvette box on which a second bar code is affixed, wherein a second reading  
means capable of reading said second bar code is provided, a cuvette box identification information  
producing means for producing cuvette box identification information corresponding to said cuvette  
box, on which said second bar code is affixed, from said second bar code read by said second reading  
means is provided, and a storing controlling means for storing said cuvette identification information

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